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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**SAKAMOTO et al.**

**Application Number: 10/625,573**

**Filed: July 24, 2003**

**For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE**

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**Art Unit 2824**

**Examiner Van Thu T. Nguyen**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[ x ] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	9	9	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED					
TOTAL					0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with claim amendments)

[ ] Substitute Specification

[ ] Preliminary Amendment

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Petition for Extension of Time

[ ] Terminal Disclaimer

[ ] Letter to Draftsperson

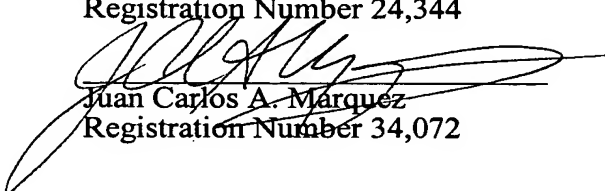
[ ] Assignment

[ ] Petition under \_\_\_\_\_

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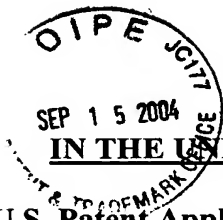
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2004, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire on September 24, 2004. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group I as recited in claims 1 - 3, directed to a read/write circuit, without traverse.